



Memorandum

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS/CITY
COLLABORATIVE REPORT

DATE: September 24, 2010

Approved

Date

10/4/10

Following are the key activities to be highlighted for this report:

Schools/City Collaborative new Co-Chair and Meeting Calendar - The Schools/City Collaborative (SCC) meeting dates for 2010–11 (attached) are October 13th, February 9th and June 15th at the Campbell Union High School District Offices (3235 Union Avenue) from 7:30am – 9:00am. The Issues Working Group (IWG) will resume meeting in October and prioritize the overarching issues impacting both the City of San Jose and School Districts prior to each meeting of the Collaborative. The priorities of the SCC continue to be School Safety, Teacher Recruitment and Retention, and Neighborhood Services and Joint Use. Additionally, Cary Matsuoka, Superintendent of the Los Gatos – Saratoga Union High School District was selected by his colleagues to serve as the Co-Chair of the Schools/City Collaborative in 2010-2011. For more information, contact Deputy City Manager, Norberto Duenas at (408) 535-8180.

Santa Clara County Office of Education Joins the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Policy Team – The Santa Clara County Office of Education Alternative Schools Department Director, Dr. Deborah Keys, was appointed to the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) Policy Team. The Santa Clara County Office of Education has approached the City staff from the MGPTF to shape a coordinated approach to services on their campuses and create a continuum of care for the vulnerable student population. City staff from the MGPTF, in collaboration with Santa Clara County Office of Education, will work on developing a framework for an Alternative Schools Resource Partnership Strategy. For more information, contact Mario Maciel, PRNS Superintendent, at (408) 277-2717

Alternative Schools Rename Campuses – The Santa Clara County Office of Education approved new names for each of their existing five Alternative School Campuses. Students, teachers, parents and staff at the sites worked together to come up with the new names. The new names are listed below, with their former names in parentheses:

- Redemption Academy Community School (Calero)
- Novo Community School (Foundry/Sunol)

- Pathfinder Academy Community School (Snell/Pathfinder)
- Odyssey Community School (South County)
- View Side Academy Community School (Terra Bella)

The SCCOE's Alternative Schools Department provides educational programs for students who are under court supervision or who are not attending regular schools. The educational program at the sites emphasizes academic competencies as well as behavior and attitude change. For more information, contact Mario Maciel, PRNS Superintendent, at (408) 277-2717.

SJ2020 Facebook Launch – SJ2020 is a joint initiative between the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the City of San Jose to close the achievement gap in San Jose by 2020. The Santa Clara County Office of Education has launched a Facebook Page. To become immediately connected, visit www.facebook.com/SanJose2020 and click “like” to get the latest news, updates and progress reports on this important initiative. For more information, contact Don Bolce Program Director at 408-453-6877.

School Districts Participate in the Police Chief Recruitment Process – On September 10th, the City Manager hosted a special Coffee Talk with Superintendents to hear their feedback on the ideal characteristics, track record and experience that the City should consider when hiring a new Chief. Attendees included Superintendents and representatives from the Charter School Consortium, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Alum Rock, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School, Berryessa, Oak Grove, Campbell Union, Franklin McKinley, San Jose Unified and the Eastside Union High School Districts. Additionally, the East Side Union High School District and the Oak Grove School District hosted community input meetings held in the month of September. Also, the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District has distributed on-line survey information to each school site and sent a parent link message to the Alum Rock families in English and Spanish regarding the Police Chief Recruitment community input event at the Mexican Heritage Plaza on October 4th. For more information, contact the Schools/City Collaborative Staff Liaison, Ernest Azevedo at (408) 535-8119.

San Antonio Elementary School Students Move into Mexican Heritage Plaza - At the May 25, 2010 Council meeting, the Mayor and Council authorized the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District to convert the second floor of the Mexican Heritage Plaza into classrooms, in order for the Plaza to serve as an interim location for students from San Antonio Elementary School for one school year. The remodel of the second floor of the Plaza into three classrooms was completed in time for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 25th. The five total classrooms will house 150 first grade students through the end of the school year. The students will return to San Antonio School after the completion of the District's facility expansion project at the beginning of the 2011 school year. At that time, the MHP classrooms will be fully available for use in implementing the Council approved vision for the School of Arts and Culture at the Mexican Heritage Plaza. The Plaza's Cultural Arts Partners formerly located at the Plaza; the Mexican Heritage Corporation, Teatro Visión and the San Jose Multicultural Artists Guild, were also key to the success of this transition, as they worked closely with the City to relocate into City-managed office spaces. All three organizations will continue to call the Plaza home for many of their performances and

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programs. For more information, contact Elisa Echeverria, Mexican Heritage Plaza Transition Manager, at (408) 794-6242.



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SCHEDULE OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETINGS

Regular Meetings Typically Convene the 2nd Wednesday of the Month
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM “Meet, Greet & Eat”
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

2010 – 2011

Thursday/Friday	<u>Superintendents' Retreat</u> September 23 – 24
Wednesday	October 13 (City Supt. Collaborative Mtg.)*
Wednesday	November 10
Wednesday	December 8
Wednesday	January 12
Wednesday	February 9 (City Supt. Collaborative Mtg.)*
Wednesday	March 9
Wednesday	April 13
Wednesday	May 11
Wednesday	June 15 (City Supt. Collaborative Mtg.)*

Chair: Cary Matsuoka
Location: Campbell Union HSD Offices
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San Jose, CA 95124
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* San Jose City Superintendents Collaboration meetings start at 7:30 am.